

**SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CERTAIN AREAS
ANNEXED BY A MUNICIPALITY****CHAPTER 463**

H.B. No. 2735

AN ACT**relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages in certain areas annexed by a municipality.***Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:***SECTION 1.** Section 251.72, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 251.72. CHANGE OF STATUS. Except as provided in Sections 251.725, 251.73, and 251.80, an authorized voting unit that has exercised or may exercise the right of local option retains the status adopted, whether absolute prohibition or legalization of the sale of alcoholic beverages of one or more of the various types and alcoholic contents on which an issue may be submitted under the terms of Section 501.035, Election Code, until that status is changed by a subsequent local option election in the same authorized voting unit.

SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 251, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended by adding Section 251.725 to read as follows:

Sec. 251.725. CHANGE OF STATUS FOR CERTAIN TERRITORY ANNEXED BY MUNICIPALITY. (a) *This section applies only to a municipality whose local option status allows for the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only as a result of a local option election on the applicable ballot issue held on or after January 1, 1985.*

(b) The governing body of a municipality described by Subsection (a) may adopt an ordinance authorizing the sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption in an area annexed by the municipality after that election if at the time the ordinance is adopted:

(1) the annexed area is not more than one percent of the total area covered by the municipality;

(2) all of the land in the annexed area is zoned for commercial use only; and

(3) the annexed area is not adjacent to residential, church, or school property.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies to an area annexed or acquired by a municipality before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on April 16, 2015: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting;
passed by the Senate on May 20, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 15, 2015.

Effective June 15, 2015.

**CIVIL SUITS FILED AGAINST BOARD MEMBERS OF A
GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE
LIABILITY OF A MEMBER FOR CERTAIN ACTIONS TAKEN
BY THE BOARD****CHAPTER 464**

H.B. No. 3163

AN ACT

relating to civil suits filed against board members of a groundwater conservation district and the liability of a member for certain actions taken by the board.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 36.060, Water Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) For liability purposes only, a director is considered a district employee under Chapter 101, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, even if the director does not receive fees of office voluntarily, by district policy, or through a statutory exception to this section.

SECTION 2. Section 36.066(a), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A district may sue and be sued in the courts of this state in the name of the district by and through its board. A district board member is immune from suit and immune from liability for official votes and official actions. To the extent an official vote or official action conforms to laws relating to conflicts of interest, abuse of office, or constitutional obligations, this subsection provides immunity for those actions. All courts shall take judicial notice of the creation of the district and of its boundaries.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 15, 2015: Yeas 119, Nays 5, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3163 on May 29, 2015: Yeas 141, Nays 4, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 27, 2015: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON THE IMPOSITION OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND TO THE DUTY OF THE STATE TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FOR CERTAIN REVENUE LOSS; MAKING CONFORMING CHANGES

CHAPTER 465

S.B. No. 1

AN ACT

relating to certain restrictions on the imposition of ad valorem taxes and to the duty of the state to reimburse certain political subdivisions for certain revenue loss; making conforming changes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 11.13, Tax Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (n-1) to read as follows:

(b) An adult is entitled to exemption from taxation by a school district of \$25,000 [\$15,000] of the appraised value of the adult's residence homestead, except that only \$5,000 [\$10,000] of the exemption applies [does not apply] to an entity operating under former Chapter 17, 18, 25, 26, 27, or 28, Education Code, as those chapters existed on May 1, 1995, as permitted by Section 11.301, Education Code.

(n-1) The governing body of a school district, municipality, or county that adopted an exemption under Subsection (n) for the 2014 tax year may not reduce the amount of or repeal the exemption. This subsection expires December 31, 2019.

SECTION 2. Section 11.26(a), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows: